

FOR BISHOP VINCENT

Magnificent Reception in His Honor Last Night

AT SEDGWICK MUSIC HALL

Eloquent Circle Greetings and Response by the Chancellor.

A magnificent reception was tendered the Rev. Bishop Vincent, LL. D., chancellor of Chautauqua university, at Sedgwick hall last night by the Wichita Chautauqua Social Union. The social union comprises all of the Chautauqua circles of the city and the Alumni association, and the members of these, together with their invited guests, composed an assemblage of probably 300 people, which on an occasion when they wait, of their handkerchiefs to salute their honored guest, created a most magnificent scene. The hall was decorated with American flags, Chautauqua colors, cut flowers and lace.

Previous to the beginning of the program the presiding officer, Mrs. R. M. Platt, stood with Bishop Vincent on the platform, while the committee on reception received the guests and presented them to the bishop.

The Gloria Patri was sung with a ringing spirit of welcome and enthusiasm by the audience standing. After this the Rev. T. B. Fleming, D. D., gave the invocation. Mrs. Hiram Imboden was on the program for a solo, but was too ill to be present.

The Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor of the First M. E. church, gave "a prelude" in verse, the last five stanzas of which were as follows:

"The founders of Chautauqua's plan Included more than staidstern man, And said to women, brave and true, There's opportunity for you.

"So, manly men and women, mild, Saw in Chautauqua's plan, styled Oneness of purpose to pursue, For knowledge, honor, culture too.

All hail Chautauqua, great and fair, We'll honor thee with homage rare, With shout and acclaim and praise just, And thank our God with reverent trust.

"As honored guest we have tonight, Vincent, strong, well-poised; our delight, Our Nestor and Chrysostom too, Founder, Chancellor, Bishop, true.

"The Fearless Princess of the Plains" With churches, schools and cultured brains, Friends of truth, hope and God above, Thrice welcome you with hearts of love."

Following this were the circle greetings to Bishop Vincent, each full of welcome and the spirit of love and regard which all Chautauqua have for the chancellor.

Mrs. Flinay Ross, speaking for the Sunflower Circle, the first circle organized in Wichita, said:

"Bishop Vincent, Chancellor of Chautauqua, Ladies and gentlemen: I feel it a great pleasure to represent the Sunflower Circle, as it was the first one organized in our city. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Andrews in the year 1897.

"It has always been a very prosperous and pleasant circle. The members composing it have been mostly married ladies—mothers and busy housekeepers, with just a few young ladies to brighten it. In fact, we find the young ladies very necessary in our present year's work.

The Sunflower Circle has the honor of claiming one pioneer member, Mrs. J. M. Ross, who received her diploma with the first Chautauqua graduates in the year 1892. It was largely through her efforts that the Sunflower Circle was organized, and the first banquet was held in her home.

"We believe that the success of the Chautauqua movement in Wichita today is owing to the noble, sterling character of the ladies who first became interested in the Chautauqua work, namely, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. J. M. Ross, Mrs. Dubois, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Murdoch, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Ferrell, Mrs. Jones and through the untiring efforts and encouragement of our leader, Mrs. Platt.

"We are proud over the success of the Sunflower Circle, for it might well be called the mother circle, for from it have sprung three large, enthusiastic circles and the Alumni association.

THERE IS A CLASS OF PEOPLE

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made more cheerful and our aspirations are for a higher and nobler life."

Dr. S. S. Noble delivered the welcome address for Assembly Circle. His address was "The Chautauqua Idea." The Assembly Chautauqua Circle, think ourselves happy to have the opportunity to welcome you to our city and in this assembly; especially as we remember that you were the author of the Chautauqua idea and the founder of the greatest people's college in the world.

"And, too, you are acquainted with all of the details and pleasures of the Chautauqua work. The one who set this life current in motion which has touched nearly every country, bringing verdure, blossoms and fruitage to every shore to which it has gone. Our circle differs from the one just presented to you in that it is not the Sunflower but the American Beauty. At least this is our local class flower.

"This fall we had two new applicants for membership who gave their names as Vincent. This being a good symptom, they were admitted as members. They have done credit to the name in that they are good citizens and active Chautauquans.

"We are glad you come to us as a citizen of Kansas, and the author of so great a movement. While we may not all pursue letters to the extent that you have it is an inspiration to us. The C. L. S. C. work has afforded us real pleasure and profit, and, too, it has caused us to keep familiar with our libraries and improve our acquaintance with some of the dear old books.

"George Dawson said: 'If we come down for a moment and look at the bare and immediate utilities of a library, we find that here a man gets himself ready for his calling, arms himself for his profession, finds out the facts that are to determine his trade, prepares himself for the necessities of his life. It is, too, a place of pastime, for man has no amusement more innocent, more sweet, more gracious, more elevating and more fortifying than can be found in a library.' If he be fond of books, his richness will discipline him as well as amuse him.

"Again, Chancellor Vincent, we welcome you to this assembly. As a result, a meeting of the Assembly Circle, in welcoming Bishop Vincent, in behalf of Alma Chautauqua Circle, said:

"Bishop Vincent, Fellow Chautauquans and Guests—It is my happy privilege this evening to represent a peerless circle of the 'Peerless' city of the most peerless state in the Union, the Alma Chautauqua Circle, of Wichita, Kansas. Although this circle is but six months old, it is an infant of lusty growth and you, Bishop Vincent, in whose fertile brain was born the Chautauqua thought, might well be proud of this promising child.

"For a number of years the young people of the Epworth League had planned to follow a course of reading. Their eager, restless minds were reaching out for something along the line of higher education. In August of 1899 a vespers service, prepared by the Chautauqua association, was given at the First Methodist church of this city and short addresses, setting forth the advantages and culture of a Chautauqua course were delivered by Dr. Stutz, Mrs. Alma Platt and Dr. Noble. As a result, a meeting was held at the parlance and the 'Alma' circle was organized September 3, 1899.

The motto of the Epworth League is, 'Look up, Lift up,' and as we all know that religion and education should go hand in hand, there is something significant in the fact that from a vespers service should emanate a Chautauqua circle whose organization received its impetus from the church.

"The circle was named 'Alma' complimentary to Mrs. Platt, its president. It is most appropriately named, for Mrs. Platt has been the 'fostering' spirit of the Chautauqua movement in this vicinity, and it is fitting to her wise, thoughtful and considerate personality that the Alma circle has reached its present proportions and today is the largest circle in Wichita and, so far as we know, in the state.

"Our circle is composed mostly of young people whose ripple of fun and laughter lends a sparkle and charm to the under-current of dignity maintained by its older members. Much of our work is accomplished and the most timid persons are ever ready to respond with the work assigned them. We feel confident that the Alma circle will rank high in the Chautauqua world.

"It is an inspiration to give the founder of the Chautauqua work a personal greeting. Therefore I bid you a cordial welcome, Bishop Vincent, to our city in behalf of the Alma Chautauqua Circle of Wichita."

Rev. James A. Lawrence, representing East Side Circle, said briefly:

"Bishop Vincent, it is my privilege and honor to bring to you the greetings from the East Side Circle, the youngest child of Chautauqua in the city. This circle infant came into being on November 3, 1899, and, like a true child of the American year, began immediately to expand. Even the deep, deep discussion question of 'Socialism' has no terrors for this child, and at our next meeting we expect to finish the book and settle the matter for all coming time. For different occupations engage the attention of our various members, including the professions of school teaching and the ministry, but the largest number belong to that honorable calling of housekeeping. As we come more and more to appreciate their worth we realize that behind the man behind the gun is the noble, patient, self-sacrificing wife and mother. Five different religious denominations are represented in our circle, but no question of church government disturbs us; we study the 'Words and the Works of God' and 'keep our Heavenly Father in our midst.' Because these things have been made possible largely through you, we say God bless you, Chancellor Vincent."

Mr. James Allison had the leading address of the evening, he representing the Alumni. Mr. Allison gave a clear and eloquent address, going over Chautauqua history. He said:

"In the sixties a young Methodist minister, now our honored guest, who had met ideas in advance of his time, commenced holding Sunday school institutes. In this his labors were crowned with success. Later on he became the prime mover of the Uniform International Lesson System and was successful in having the same adopted in 1871. His heart being thoroughly aroused in this work, he began to do something to elevate the Sunday school teacher and make his instructions more valuable. To this end in 1874 he issued a call to the Sunday school workers to meet in assembly on the shore of Lake Chautauqua. This assembly was largely attended and met the approval of all Sunday school workers.

RULERS OF THE WORLD.

"The second Chautauqua Assembly was held in August, 1875, with many new features added. A thorough normal course of study had been announced and great and expensive preparations had been made to meet the Sunday school teachers and officers, who should be in attendance. A miniature Palestine had been provided, a model of Jerusalem made and a model of the tabernacle and its furnishings complete had been secured. A native instructor was there to explain the manners and customs of the orient. Able teachers had been secured to instruct the normal class and explain the model tabernacle, and men of travel were present to explain the miniature Palestine and the model of Jerusalem.

"In addition to all this the music was inspiring. Hundreds of trained voices under the leadership of Professor Sherwin furnished music such as these immense audiences had never heard, and the ablest men of the land were in attendance to teach and to preach and to lecture.

"During these years the ablest platform speakers in all the country were present. Such men as Joseph Cook, Bishops Foster, Fowler and Warren, Henry Ward Beecher, T. DeWitt Talmage, Dr. Deems, Francis Willard, Dr. Leavelle and many others. Hundreds and thousands of Sunday school teachers were improving their opportunities in studying the methods and normal outlines. No class of humanity was overlooked.

"The master mind who had planned this great work was not satisfied. He said something must be provided to elevate the standard of education and Sunday school workers and parents, and he promised that when he returned in 1878 he would have developed the Chautauqua idea that he thought would accomplish this end, and when we met Chancellor Vincent in the assembly of August, 1878, he gave us in outline the plan of the Chautauqua Literary Scientific Circle. This was received with great enthusiasm and thousands joined the first class within a few weeks.

"The explorers of the River Nile tell us that this great river flows a thousand miles without a single tributary. What a striking contrast this to the mighty stream that flows out from Chautauqua, moving first to the Atlantic and then to the Pacific ocean, tributaries coming in from a hundred, yes, from a thousand sources. This stream, like the one in Ezekiel's vision that flowed out from the temple, has become immeasurable.

"First, the Chautauqua movement wrought marvels in the Sunday school instruction of our land.

"The Chautauqua movement brought into prominence a new moral and educational force that has increased in power ever since inaugurated at Chautauqua. I refer to the lecture platform. Men learned at Chautauqua that the lecture field was one of great power and responsibility and ever since the first year at Chautauqua the great aim of the lecture platform has been to elevate and help humanity instead of simply to please and entertain.

"Chautauqua brought out our strongest and ablest men, and these appreciating that their audiences were enthusiastic to hear and receive truth, gave the best efforts of their lives and made impressions that have yielded rich and abundant harvests. Truth is invaluable. A single thought given to me by Bishop Vincent has been more to me than any amount of silver or gold.

"The Chautauqua movement has done much to give rest to weary, tired bodies and worn out nerves. Prior to the opening of Chautauqua, the general impression was that only the rich could take rest at water resorts, hence, very few people took vacations.

"The one department in the Chautauqua movement that has touched more lives than any other is, of course, the C. L. S. C. department. Viewed from an educational standpoint, its influence is beyond computation. Aside from the benefits to those taking the prescribed course of reading, the indirect influence is wonderful. It has helped the homes where a member of the C. L. S. C. has lived. It has been an advantage to the church and Sunday school, and to the public schools and colleges. It has elevated the standard of books in our public libraries. It has led to the reading of more biography, more history, more science and less worthless, harmful fiction.

"And now, dear Bishop Vincent, in behalf of the Chautauqua Alumni of Wichita, we welcome you this evening as our loved and honored guest. We have ever regarded you as the father of the Chautauqua idea, and the master mind who has planned all of its various departments of work that have been wrought out with such success and such highest success. You have our profoundest gratitude for standing by and reminding at the head of this great university. And we thank our loving Heavenly Father, who has been in our midst all these twenty-six years, that our life has been precious in his sight, and that in the midst of all the conflict and labor of this great work we have been able to maintain our own noble, Christian manhood."

Bishop Vincent's response was brief, but full of Chautauqua thought and inspiration. He said that inasmuch as he was almost worn out with work and so much had been said, he preferred not to talk. In view, however, of the delightful personal tributes to him, he could not be silent.

"While you have given me great credit and undue honor in connection with this great movement," said Bishop Vincent, "I want to say that the last year has recorded the death of Lewis Miller, the great spirit and discoverer of the Chautauqua plan. He was the real founder and to other founders of Chautauqua should be honored without the use of his name. He conceived the original idea, and it had not been for Lewis Miller we should not have had the Chautauqua of today. Spiritually and financially he was at the back of the movement in its infancy, and helped sustain the first several and third assemblies. If you have spoken kindly of me I shall take the meat of your praise and place it on the grave of the sad and ever faithful Lewis Miller."

Bishop Vincent gives great credit to Miss Kate P. Kimball, who in 1878 laid the basis of the present secretary, Miss J. H. Plummer, and had been with him from that hour in this great work. Upon her shoulders and her heart had been placed the burden of the literary and scientific Chautauqua work, and in view of the getting old and his public duties becoming multiplied, he would soon have to give the work over to Miss Kimball and the younger crowd, among whom is his son.

Bishop Vincent said he could talk by the hour of this great work, which touches every side of life, the rich and the poor, and rests so in the workhouse of life. In character and attainment the different casts of society are brought in.

The concert that was planned for the holidays by the Young People of the First Baptist church, and which was postponed at that time, will be given in the church next Friday evening. Shaw's full orchestra is to furnish the instrumental music for the occasion, and prominent vocalists of the city are to take part. The choir of the church is also to participate in the performance. The piano recently purchased for the church.

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close and pleasant relationship. The bishop gave clear examples of this. He also spoke of eradication of domination in the Chautauqua plan of Christian worship and study of the Word. In a recent meeting the Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians exploited their respective creeds, and ended up with a glorious unity of spirit in the singing of "The Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love." He said that long had been the keynote of the Chautauqua plan all the way through, a plan in which the true catholic spirit cannot be disturbed. "We have come to believe," said he, "that the purest and most essential unity in the world is the unity of denominationalism."

Following Bishop Vincent's address, Mrs. Platt called on the class who had completed the English year to rise, and the bishop in appropriate words presented them their certificates. The class is composed of the following Chautauquans: Sunflower Circle—Mesdames Ella P. Ross, Julia T. Robertson, Helen E. Robertson, Emma M. Purdie, Laura Eagleton Myers, Mary D. Bittling, Laura Warren, Ellen Campbell, Emma Sharon Stewart, Anna V. Denholmen, Marie A. McCay, Kittie S. Lewis, Geo. R. Fritz, Miss Sarah E. Ross.

Assembly Circle—Messrs. R. M. Platt, F. E. Everett, S. S. Noble, Mrs. Lulu Noble, Mrs. Alma Platt, Misses Bernice Evans, Goldie Evans, Elizabeth Roach, Martha Kendrick, Ella Heller, Jessie Allen.

Following the adoption of the Carnegie library petition, the audience was invited to refreshments which were served behind numerous screens in the west side of the hall.

Bishop Vincent will lecture at the First M. E. church tomorrow night.

ROBBED THE GRAVE
A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain constantly in back and sides; no appetite; gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50¢ each; guaranteed. At G. Gehring's drug store.

VALENTINE MASQUE BALL
Will be given on Wednesday Evening by National Reserve Association. Wichita Lodge No. 35, National Reserve Association, will give a masque ball, instead of the usual social dance, on the 15th, to which the members and their friends are cordially invited. Each person is expected to wear full masque costume. Special prizes will be given.

To the Theatre-Going People
I beg to call your attention to Perrie Comedians' engagement, which will be run throughout the week of Monday and Saturday matinee. I can honestly recommend them as the largest and strongest repertory company I have booked. I would not make this public announcement were I not aware that this attraction is as I have stated. Perrie Comedians do not consist of talent usually found with repertory organizations, but genuine artists of the metropolitan reputation. I am very truly, E. L. MARTLING.

Received Diplomas.
The Standard Dress Cutting Academy of 118 West Second, granted the following diplomas this week: Miss Lottie Francis, Valley Center; Miss Lottie Moore, Bentley; Miss Emma Osborne, Benton; Mrs. C. M. Shuler, Wichita. The latter, Mrs. Shuler, has accepted a position as assistant manager at Miss Saperstein's academy at Hutchinson, Kansas.

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